

went up, behold, two men stood by them (the apostles) in white apparel ;

11. Which also said, ye (the apostles) men of Galilee, why stand ye (the apostles) gazing up into heaven? This same Jesus, which is taken up from you (the apostles) into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye (the apostles) have seen him go into heaven.

12. Then returned they (the apostles) unto Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is from Jerusalem, a Sabbath day's journey.

13. And when they (the apostles) were come in, they (the apostles) went up into an upper room, where abode both Peter and James and John and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholemew and Matthew, James the son of Alphaeus, and Simon Zoetes, and Judas the brother of James.

14. These (the apostles) all continued with one accord in prayer and supplication with the women, and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brethren.

15. And in those days Peter stood up in the midst of the disciples, and said, (the number of the names together were about an hundred and twenty,)

16. Men and brethren, this scripture must needs have been fulfilled, which the Holy Ghost by the mouth of David spake before concerning Judas, which was guide to them that took Jesus.

17. For he (Judas) was numbered with us (the apostles) and had obtained part of this ministry.

18. Now this man (Judas) purchased a field with the reward of iniquity: and falling headlong he (Judas) burst asunder in the midst and all his bowels gushed out.

19. And it was known unto all the dwellers at Jerusalem; insomuch as that field is called in their proper tongue, Acedama, that is to say, the field of blood.

20. For it is written in the book of Psalms, Let his (Judas) habitation be desolate, and let no man dwell therein: and his bishoprick let another take.

21. Wherefore of these men which have companied with us (the apostles) all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, (the apostles.)

22. Beginning from the baptism of John, unto that same day that he (Jesus) was taken up from us, (the apostles) must one be ordained to be a witness with us (the apostles) of his resurrection.

23. And they (the apostles) appointed two, Joseph called Barsabas, who was surnamed, Justus and Matthias.

24. And they (the apostles) prayed, and said, thou Lord, which knowest the hearts of all men, show whether of these two thou hast chosen,

25. That he may take part of this ministry and apostleship from which Judas by transgression fell, that he (Judas) might go to his own place.

26. And they (the apostles) gave forth their lots; and the lot fell upon Matthias; and he was numbered with the eleven apostles.

CHAPTER II.

1. And when the day of pentecost was fully come, they (the twelve apostles) were all (the twelve) with one accord in one place.

2. And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it (the sound) filled all the house where they (the twelve apostles) were sitting.

3. And there appeared unto them (the twelve apostles) cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them (the twelve apostles.)

4. And they (the twelve apostles) were all (the twelve apostles) filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them (the twelve apostles) utterance.

5. And there were dwelling at Jerusalem Jews, devout men, out of every nation under heaven.

6. Now when this was noised abroad, the multitude came together, and were confounded because that every man heard them (the twelve apostles) speak in his own language.

7. And they (the multitude) were all amazed and marveled, saying one to another, Behold, are not all these (the twelve apostles) which speak Galileans?

8. And how hear we (the multitude) every man in our own tongue, wherein we—the multitude—were born?

9. Parthians, and Medes, and Elamites, and the dwellers in Mesopotamia, and in Judea, and Cappadocia, and Asia,

10. Phrygia, and Pamphylia, in Egypt, and in the parts of Libya about Cyrene, and strangers of Rome, Jews and proselytes,

11. Cretes and Arabians, we—the multitude—do hear them—the twelve apostles—speak in our own tongues the wonderful works of God.

12. And they—the multitude—were all amazed, and in doubt, saying one to another, What meaneth this?

13. Others mocking said, these men—the twelve apostles—are full of new wine.

14. But Peter, standing up with the eleven—apostles—lifted up his voice, and said unto them,—the multitude—ye men of Judea, and all ye that dwell at Jerusalem, be this known unto you, and hearken to my words:

15. For these—the apostles—are not

drunken, as ye suppose, seeing it is but the third hour of the day.

16. But this is that which was spoken by the prophet Joel.

I will now offer a few "Paraphrased" readings, and a comment by Whitby and Lowman.

For these—men—are not drunken, as ye—scoffers—suppose, seeing it is but the third hour of the day—i. e., *the ninth hour, or the time of the morning sacrifice, to which we Jews usually come fasting.*

But this—which is come to pass—is—the completion of—that which was spoken by the prophet Joel—2 : 28, in these words—And it shall come to pass, etc. Completion, Webster tells us, is from the Latin *completio*. 1. The act, process, or state of being complete; as the completion of undertaking. The completion of an education. "The completion of some repairs." 2. Fulfillment; accomplishment; realization. "All the divine predictions, receiving their completion in Christ." Again, Acts 1 : 5. For John truly—*Joannes* men *John* indeed—baptized with water—only—but—as he said, Matt. 3 : 11.—Ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence—i. e., *within ten days; for this was spoken on the day of our Lord's ascension, that is ten days before Pentecost.*—Now follows the comment on this 5th verse. *Baptisthesie en Pneumati acio, ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost.*—The word *ye*, and the time affixed to this baptism, the day of Pentecost, show that this baptism relates only to the disciples then present, and conversing with the holy Jesus: and to them the Holy Spirit was given, 1 to render them powerful or able witnesses of our Lord's resurrection, Luke 24 : 48, Acts 1 : 8. These quotations are as follows: Luke 24 : 48, "And ye are—to be—witnesses of these things." Acts 1 : 8, "But—for your satisfaction in what more concerns you, know that—ye shall receive—a miraculous—power, after that the Holy Ghost—which I have promised—is come upon you: and—then—ye shall be witnesses unto me—of what I said and did, John 15 : 27—both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost parts of the earth." I now quote John 15 : 27. And ye shall bear witness—of me,—because ye have been with me from the beginning—and saw my works.—I now continue the comment. "And consequently that he was the true Messiah, or that prophet which was to come into the world, and was to be the Saviour of it." John 16 : 8, 10. And therefore Peter speaks thus to the Jews: "Ye have killed the prince of life, whom God hath raised from the dead, of which we are witnesses." Acts 3 : 15. And he